

**ABSTRACT**

Apparatus, and an associated method, for facilitating service handling of a call placed to a public safety answering point using a universal dialing code, such as an emergency 9-1-1 dialing code. A centralized routing database is formed and maintained. When a call is originated and routed to a call routing entity, the centralized routing data base is accessed to obtain the identity  
5 of the public safety answering point to which to route the call. Thereby, a call connection is formed to an appropriate public safety answering point. Due to the centralized nature of the routing data base, updates to the data base are readily and easily ascertainable.